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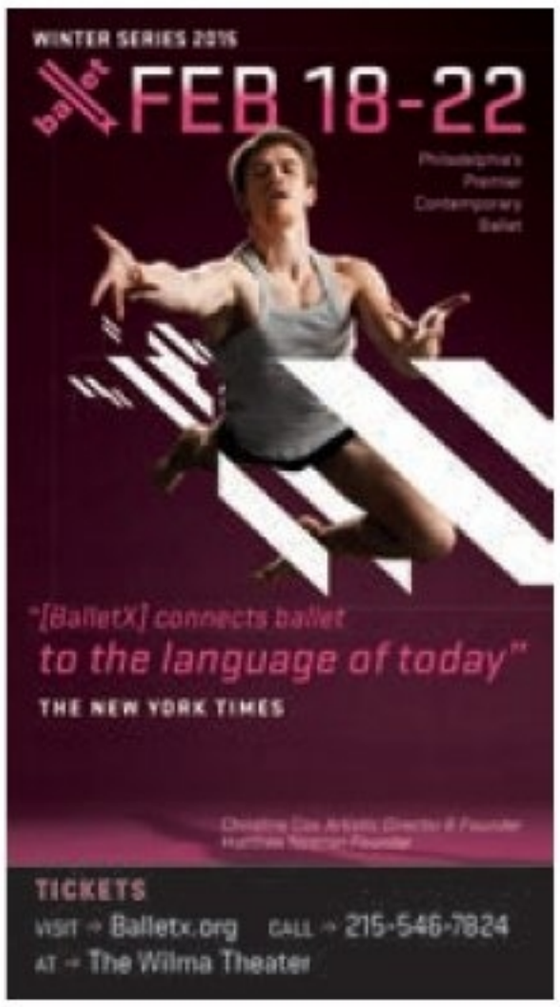
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Safety issues. SEPTA engineers are concerned longer hours on the rails could impact sleeping schedules. PAGE 02

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Train engineers fear longer hours impact

Safety. SEPTA unions told federal authorities of fears that schedules could leave employees fatigued.

Tracie Hand, a Regional Rail engineer, testifies about the effects of working long hours on safety, alongside engineer Steve Heelis (left) and union head Richard Dixon (right). / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Tracie Hand, 37, has worked as a SEPTA Regional Rail engineer for six years, piloting thousands of passengers around the Philadelphia region.

In that time, she's never had two consecutive days off.

Testifying at a federal hearing Tuesday, Hand said things came to a head around Christmas, when, after working nine consecutive days with just 12 hours off to celebrate Christmas, she was asked to pull a double shift after the holiday.

"I've been up since 3 a.m. this morning, and now I have to stay up running a train until seven the next morning?" was Hand's reaction, she testified.

This 30-hour day and other stories came out at a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hearing on whether to extend a safety waiver that SEPTA was granted by federal authorities in October 2012.

The waiver lets the agency put train drivers on 14-hour, six-day work schedules to make up for shortages in manpower.

What's on people's minds is the 2013 crash of a Metro-North commuter train in New York City that derailed, killing four people. An investigation tied the crash to driver fatigue. The train's engineer was reportedly asleep as the train speeded around a curve at 82 mph in a 30 mph speed-limit zone.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, which represents roughly 200 Regional Rail engineers, and the SMART United Transportation Union, which represents 380 conductors in the Philly area, say the waiver should be ended.

"We don't think you should wait until an accident to change the rules," said Steve Bruno, BLET's National Secretary-Treasurer.

SEPTA says it has a "fatigue mitigation" program that tracks worker schedules to ensure safety. It says it's training 18 new engineers to reduce the number of scheduled six-day runs.

But workers still want the waiver to be ended.

"We're in an industry and a specific job that has little to no margin of error," said Richard Dixon, head of Philly's BLET local. "The possibility of a catastrophe always exists."

Quoted

"We don't think you should wait until an accident to change the rules."
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Police. Corporal charged in shooting of state trooper

Trooper David Kedra, 26
PSP

A Pennsylvania State Police corporal was charged with five counts of reckless endangerment on Tuesday for a firearms training accident that killed a state trooper on Sept. 30.

Authorities say Cpl. Richard Schroeter, 43, pulled the trigger on his firearm while discussing the trigger mechanism during an annual training exercise at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Complex in Conshohocken.

The weapon discharged, hitting 26-year-old David Kedra in the chest. He was transported by helicopter to a hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Kedra, of Rhawnhurst, graduated from Roman Catholic High School in 2006. He graduated Temple University with a degree in Criminal Justice in 2010 and a GPA of 3.71.

Kedra joined the state police in 2012 and was assigned to Troop K, the Skippack barracks at the time of his death.

Schroeter

Kedra left behind a fiancee with whom he had recently bought a home in Pottstown, a sister, two brothers and his parents.

Montgomery County prosecutors say after considering charges of homicide, involuntary manslaughter and reckless endangerment, the grand jury found sufficient evidence that Schroeter put those present in harm's way by not following safety precautions. JOHN CORRIGAN

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Upper Darby

Police save man from heroin overdose

Teamwork between SEPTA and Upper Darby police helped to resuscitate a man who collapsed in the 69th Street station Monday afternoon, police said Tuesday.

SEPTA Officer Edward Bacon found the man around 1 p.m. outside a cashier's booth suffering from what seemed to be a heroin overdose. He radioed to Upper Darby Police, which dispatched officers with an overdose reversal kit and administered two shots through the man's nose, said Upper Darby Police Superintendent Michael Chitwood.

When authorities moved the man they found a syringe and a bag of heroin. He was cited for possession.

TOMMY ROWAN

Budget crunch again looms

Schools. The school district is staring at more budget holes and deficits for the 2015-2016 year.

As preparations already begin for the next school year, another budget crisis looms on the horizon.

School officials announced at the annual budget meeting Monday night that the district is staring at more budget holes and deficits for the upcoming 2015-2016 academic year.

The schools are projecting growing expenses that will not be offset due to revenue shortfalls.

The School Reform Commission, the state board that runs the School District of Philadelphia, reported a projected revenue of $13 million.

Project expenses: $100 million.

And that estimation would only maintain the current services in city schools, which lack, among other things, full-time nurses.

Students protested last year outside the School District's Broad Street headquarters. / FILE PHOTO

By the numbers

$370M

For the next year and the 2016-2017 school year, in order to implement Superintendent William Hite's plan to improve district-wide academics, the district would require another $370 million.

Helen Gym, an aspiring City Council candidate and education reformer, said in her announcement to run for the opening Monday that the children, not wallets, need to be the bottom line.

"We're making sure that the mentality around our children and our schools and this city comes through a framework of human dignity, justice and love for our children and those who care for them," she said.

Newly elected Gov. Tom Wolf said in his inaugural address in the beginning of January that education was his major priority, and he is actively pursuing a revamped fair funding formula for school districts across the state.

For the school year, the district will ask Gov. Wolf for more than $200 million in new funds.

The district will also ask the city for $100 million. It also asks for $50 million from the teachers union.

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Other options

Charter School decisions imminent

The largest budget increase for the 2015-2016 school year from last year is the money allotted to charter schools.

In the upcoming school year, the SRC will spend an estimated $42 million. For 2014-2015, the district spent 29 percent of its budget on charter schools

While no charter applications have been approved for more than five years, this year, there are about 39 applications on the table.

The School Reform Commission meets Feb. 18 at 3:30 p.m. to consider whether or not to approve the new applications.

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West Philly

Town hall tonight discuss 'Philly After Ferguson'"

A panel of law enforcement and community leaders, including Deputy Police Commissioner Kevin Bethel, will be speaking at a town hall meeting Wednesday night on the ongoing issue of police-community relations.

Locals protest the Ferguson grand jury decision. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

The "Philly After Ferguson" event, organized by local journalist Christopher Norris, will include a discussion and Q&A with the public on the themes of "policing, politics and perceptions."

Tanya Brown-Dickerson, whose son Brandon Tate-Brown was killed by police officers Dec. 15 while allegedly going for a gun, will also speak at the event, along with SEPTA Police Chief Thomas Nestel III, Daily News editor Mike Days, and others.

The town hall will be held Wednesday, Feb. 11, starting at 6 p.m. at Catalyst for Change Church, at 3727 Baring St. METRO

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The Philadelphia 76ers' new mascot Franklin meets the public. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

New canine mascot unleashed for the 76ers

Pride. Basketball-playing dog "Franklin" takes his rightful place amongst Philly sports mascots.

The 12-41 Philadelphia 76ers threw their fans a bone on Tuesday afternoon as the team unleashed its long-awaited new mascot: Franklin, the blue, fluffy dog.

C.J., 9, and Shane, 10, the McCune brothers from West Chester, were members of the mascot's five-child "chief design team."

The McCune boys had a connection (their neighbor is the team's chief marketing officer,) so they played a role in selecting the color of Franklin's fur.

"It was exciting because we got to be on TV," C.J. said.

The McCune brothers joined hundreds of local children cloaked in blue "Sixers Strong" shirts to welcome the city's new favorite canine at the Franklin Institute.

Franklin arrived 007 style, rappelling from the ceiling into the frenzied crowd.

After break-dancing with the Phillie Phanatic and the Sixers' cheerleaders, Franklin botched his first slam dunk attempt, but recovered with a successful follow up.

Franklin's first game appearance will be Feb. 20.

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Little League

Team that beat Taney under investigation

The Jackie Robinson West team from Chicago that beat Philly pitcher Mo'Ne Davis and the Taney Dragons during their wild ride to the Little League World Series last summer is now being investigated for wrongdoing.

ESPN reported that Little League officials are evaluating complaints that the team recruited players from outside their area. METRO

US closes its embassy in Yemen

A Shiite Houthi militiaman, wearing a uniform confiscated from the Yemeni army, mans a checkpoint on a street leading to the U.S. embassy compound in the Yemen capital of Sanaa. / GETTY IMAGES

Dangerous. Yemen is home to al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, one of the most active branches of the Sunni Islamist group.

The United States is closing its embassy in Yemen, the Arabian peninsula state that is a front line in Washington's war against al Qaeda, embassy employees and U.S. officials said on Tuesday.

Officials in Washington confirmed the embassy would close because of the unpredictable security situation in a country where a rebel group has seized control of the capital, Sanaa.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki declined comment. But she noted that the embassy staff had been gradually reduced and said the safety of the personnel was a top priority. "We take steps in order to make sure we do everything we can to protect that," she told a regular briefing.

Last month, Iran-backed Shi'ite Muslim Houthi fighters, who had captured the capital in September, seized the presidential palace, driving President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi and his government to resign.

After years of crisis, Yemen now risks descending into a full-blown civil war pitting regional, political, tribal and sectarian rivals against each other in a nation that shares a long border with top global oil exporter Saudi Arabia.

The United States has long used drones to attack the militants, a strategy critics say has failed to make a decisive difference and has stoked anti-U.S. sentiment.

The Pentagon acknowledged Yemen's political unrest had affected its counter-terrorism capabilities but said it was still training some Yemeni forces and could still carry out operations inside the country against al Qaeda militants.

REUTERS

Marines

100

One U.S. official said a contingent of around 100 Marines was helping protect the U.S. embassy in Yemen. Another official said a Navy amphibious assault ship, the USS Iwo Jima, was in the Red Sea off Yemen's coast and would be available to help with the evacuation of embassy staff, if requested by the State Department.

Cranbury

NJ Turnpike pileup leaves at least one dead, over 40 injured

A massive pileup on the New Jersey Turnpike Monday night left at least one person dead and more than 40 others injured, officials said.

The chain-reaction smashup happened at about 9:15 p.m. in the southbound lanes near milepost 71.3 in Cranbury. The truck lanes remained closed until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday morning.

A jack-knifed tractor-trailer set the collisions in motion and the incident is being linked to hazardous road conditions reported throughout the metro areas. The wet snow and freezing rain that fell turned into an icy glaze in areas in the below-freezing night air.

On its Facebook page, the New Jersey State Police reported: "At this time, there is one confirmed fatality. There are approximately 15-plus vehicles involved including four tractor-trailers, two box trucks, a fully-loaded bus and multiple cars."

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"Not sure if it was a factor in the Turnpike crash, but I was aghast at how drivers were not slowing down on icy roads last night."

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US hostage held by Islamic State is confirmed dead

Secretary of State. John Kerry said that "ISIL, and ISIL alone, is the reason Kayla is gone."

President Barack Obama and the family of U.S. aid worker Kayla Mueller confirmed on Tuesday that the last-known American hostage held by Islamic State militants had died, with Obama promising to "find and bring to justice the terrorists who are responsible."

U.S. officials said the family received an email and photograph over the weekend from her captors that confirmed her death but said the circumstances in which she died remained unclear.

Islamic State said on Friday that Mueller was killed when Jordanian fighter jets bombed a building where she was being held outside Raqqa, a stronghold of the Islamist militant group.

Jordan and U.S. officials have expressed doubt about the account of her death offered by Islamic State.

Mueller's family said in a statement on Tuesday that they were "heartbroken" to learn of her death and released a copy of a letter she had written in 2014 while in captivity.

"Over the weekend, the family received a private message from Kayla's ISIL captors containing additional information," White House National Security Council spokeswoman Bernadette Meehan said.

"Once this information was authenticated by the intelligence community, they concluded that Kayla was deceased," Meehan said. REUTERS

Mueller was captured in August 2013 while leaving a hospital in the Syrian city of Aleppo. She had been working in Turkey providing humanitarian assistance to refugees from Syria. / MUELLER FAMILY

Mueller family

Obama offers his condolences

Obama offered his condolences to Mueller's parents, Marsha and Carl, and her brother, Eric, saying "Kayla represents what is best about America."

"Kayla's compassion and dedication to assisting those in need shows us that even amongst unconscionable evil, the essential decency of humanity can live on," Obama said.

"Kayla was a compassionate and devoted humanitarian. She dedicated the whole of her young life to helping those in need of freedom, justice and peace," Kayla's family wrote in their statement on Tuesday. REUTERS

OBAMA GETTY IMAGES

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"No matter how long it takes, the United States will find and bring to justice the terrorists who are responsible for Kayla's captivity and death."

"ISIL is a hateful and abhorrent terrorist group whose actions stand in stark contrast to the spirit of people like Kayla."

President Obama who last year ordered American air strikes targeting Islamic State positions, said in a statement.

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Female activist

Protester bares her opinion — among other things — at Strauss-Kahn trial

Police detain a topless Femen activist who jumped on the car carrying former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn (not seen) upon his arrival for his trial in Lille, northern France, on Feb. 10, 2015. Three topless women from the protest group Femen jumped on Kahn's car as he arrived to testify at his trial for "aggravated pimping." With slogans scrawled on their half-naked bodies and hurling insults at the car, the three protesters were quickly rounded up by police as the car entered an underground parking area. GETTY IMAGES

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Virginia student

Man charged with murder of Hannah Graham

A hospital worker has been charged with the murder of University of Virginia student Hannah Graham, whose disappearance shocked the campus and drew national headlines, authorities said on Tuesday.

Jesse Matthew Jr., 33, of Charlottesville, Virginia, was indicted by an Albemarle County grand jury last week. He was the last person seen with Graham, an 18-year-old sophomore, who went missing in September.

Matthew has been charged with first-degree murder and abduction with intent to defile, Albemarle County prosecutor Denise Lunsford said.

Matthew also is charged with a 2005 rape in Fairfax, Virginia and is jailed there.

In addition, he has been forensically linked to the death of Virginia Tech University student Morgan Harrington, who disappeared after leaving a Charlottesville concert in October 2009, Virginia State Police have said. Her body was discovered in 2010. REUTERS

Jesse Matthew is escorted by FBI agents into the custody of the Charlottesville Police Department Sept. 26, 2014. / GETTY IMAGES

No one can stop Craigslist, but Facebook will try again

Aesthetics. It's not easy to compete with Craigslist, it doesn't seem to care much about revenue or profit.

It's not pretty but it works, it has barely changed in 10 years. / CRAIGSLIST

Facebook is adding a new way for people to sell things to friends and neighbors on the social network. The company said on Tuesday that it will start rolling out new features to Facebook Groups, allowing users to list and find products for sale and to set pickup or delivery locations.

The feature is new, but the strategy — to compete with Craigslist — is a redo for Facebook. The company launched Facebook Marketplace in 2007 for selling used goods and finding housing. Two years later, Facebook offloaded Marketplace to a third party called Oodle.

Quoted

"People like it because you can go and you feel like it's comprehensive."

Brian O'Malley
a venture capitalist at Accel Partners, which is an investor in the crafts website Etsy.

Mark Zuckerberg isn't the only one in Silicon Valley with Craigslist envy. A decade ago, Google tried to meld classified ads with other crowdsourced content in a website called Google Base. The service never took off, and it now redirects to a site soliciting retailers to list on Google's shopping search engine. Along with the big companies, countless startups have set out to make prettier, more functional versions of Craigslist, only to fail.

There's a lot of talk in Silicon Valley about how important it is to have a user-friendly product with sleek design that's built with smartphones in mind. So how has Craigslist, arguably one of the ugliest sites on the Internet, survived?

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Moon objects found in Neil Armstrong's closet

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A treasure trove of objects that were supposed to have been left behind after the first moon landing have turned up in the closet of Neil Armstrong, the first man to step onto the lunar surface, the Smithsonian Institution has said.

Armstrong died in August 2012 and his wife, Carol, found the items from the 1969 lunar landing as she was cleaning out one of his home closets in Cincinnati, Allan Needell, a space history curator at the National Air and Space Museum, wrote in a recent blog.

Among the objects are a camera that was mounted in the window of the Eagle lunar module to record the landing and two waist tethers. Armstrong used one of the tethers to support his feet during his rest period on the moon, Needell said.

The items were intended to be left behind on the moon but were instead brought back. Needell said that as far as he knew Armstrong had never discussed them and no one had seen them in the 45 years since he returned to Earth.

According to mission transcripts, Armstrong described the objects to astronaut Michael Collins, who stayed in orbit around the moon aboard the command ship, as "just a bunch of trash that we want to take back — LM parts, odds and ends, and it won't stay closed by itself." REUTERS

Armstrong is dressed in a full spacesuit with a camera attached to his chest area. / GETTY IMAGES

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Kevin Hart is getting into the Irish spirit, Patton Oswalt wants to see more of Spidey's range, Samantha Ronson is starting a new reality TV habit and Conan O'Brien is still reeling.

@KevinHart4real: I'm loving Dublin....I'm enjoying talking to all of my Lads on all of these media outlets.... that's right I said "Lads"....lol

@pattonoswalt: I hope Spider-man does some @Miranda_July movies before these big, noisy blockbusters. Her scripts are great & it'd be a nice challenge.

@samantharonson: watching the bachelor for the first time, does it turn into survivor for the girls who get cut?

@ConanOBrien: I'm shocked. Back when Brian Williams and I killed Osama Bin Laden, he seemed like an honest guy.

1

Will Smith admits 'After Earth' was a 'failure'

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Will Smith is surprisingly frank when it comes to the lack of success of his last big, attempted-blockbuster, "After Earth," which topped out at $60 million at the US box office. "After the failure of 'After Earth,' a thing got broken in my mind. I was like, 'Oh wow, I'm still alive. Oh wow, actually I still am me even though the movie didn't open No. 1,'" Smith says. "All of those things in my mind — my entire 'Mr. July, Big Willy Weekend, No. 1, eight in a row!' — all of that thing got collapsed and I realized I still was a good person." Well, that's super for him. Unfortunately, when it comes to what he took away from that experience, Smith starts to sound a tad bit cult-y. "I completely released the concept of goal orientation and got into path orientation," Smith continues. "It is a huge relief for me not to care whether or not [my next movie] 'Focus' is No. 1 or No. 10 at the box office." I'm going to go out on a limb here and guess his producers actually do care how the movie does, though.

2

Uma Thurman illustrates the power of eye shadow

You might just have to take our word for it that you're looking at a photograph of "Kill Bill" star Uma Thurman, who hit the red carpet for NBC's "The Slap" looking nearly unrecognizable. Her minimal makeup look seems like a perfect opportunity to illustrate just how much of a difference eye shadow and eyeliner can make. Seriously, it's remarkable. Or maybe it's just the contrast from the very red lipstick and the nearly makeup-free eyes. Or the lack of distinctive bangs. Or the fact that she didn't really feel like smiling. Also, we do red carpet premieres for NBC miniseries now? Huh.

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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Did John Legend get busy at an Obama fundraiser?

Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign was really, really inspiring — and apparently a turn-on for John Legend and Chrissy Teigen. When pressed by "Extra" on the Grammys' red carpet about the best public place they've ever made whoopee, Teigen blurts out, "Probably the Obama thing." But when pressed for details, Legend clams up. "We're not talking about that. We're not going to discuss that," Legend insists. Teigen at least wants to make clear that it was "not at the White House," with her husband teasing that the dirty deed took place before Obama was elected. So, who wants to go back and check what campaign stops Legend appeared at in 2008?

Daily video

Weird Al gets Whiplashed

Weird Al Yankovic is taking the prep for his upcoming world tour very seriously. Maybe a little too seriously, according to this new College Humor video that pits Yankovic against Oscar nominee J.K. Simmons' terrorizing "Whiplash" music teacher. If you've always loved tense Oscar movie stand-offs and accordion-drenched polka, but never dreamed of blending the two together, this is your moment.

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THE NEW CLUB IN TOWN

BOLDFACE

A.D. AMOROSI

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Last summer, Center City's club scene looked bleak. **G Lounge** on 17th Street and **Whisper** on Walnut both closed in order to re-conceptualize. G Lounge's **Mark Marek** reopened that space quietly around Thanksgiving as the burlesque-lite **1925 Cocktail Lounge** (with **Clark Maloney**, Whisper's one-time manager, as 1925's GM). Now, **Drew Milstein**'s Whisper debuts as **Coda** this weekend with **DJ Etienne de Crecy** at the helm, with regular hours set to start Feb. 20.

Pierre Calmels, the notable French chef, will return to **Bibou**, the Italian Market BYOB he shares with his wife, **Charlotte**. This means Pierre will leave **Le Cheri** in **Rittenhouse Square** (the couple's other, newer French restaurant) in the capable hands of chef **Steve DeLorean**.

Why the change? First off, Bibou's chef **Ron Fougeray** is leaving town. "Plus, Bibou is turning six and needs freshening," says Charlotte. The restaurant will close in April for a month of renovations, and will reopen with a new look — "definitely a paint job," she says — and a "more refined" seven-course prix-fixe menu for $100 a person. "Pierre wants to return to the truly rich ingredients he used earlier in his career when he was at **Le Be Fin**," Charlotte adds.

Philly's best-dressed author/horticulturist **Allen Crawford**, aka **Lord Breaulove Swells Whimsy**, got noticed when his 2006 self-help book, "The Affected Provincial's Companion, Vol. I" was bought by **Johnny Depp**'s production company. There's no movie yet, but there will be a mock funeral, as Crawford is retiring his pseudonym and holding his "final farewell … albeit a rather unusual one" today at the **Institute of Contemporary Art**.

Natalie DiDonato from VH1's "Mob Wives" challenged the other Natalie on the show, Philly's Natalie Guercio, to a fight during Damon Feldman's celebrity boxing event at Marple Sports Arena in Springfield. / STAR SHOOTER

Celebrity sightings

- **Zosia Mamet** (HBO's "Girls") and beau **Evan Jonigkeit** ("X-Men: Days of Future Past") caught a preview of **Theatre Exile**'s "The Whale" at Studio X in South Philly.
- **Wayne Simmonds**, **Steve Mason** and several other Philadelphia Flyers hit up teammate **Claude Giroux**'s bowling event at **Lucky Strike** benefiting **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia** and the **Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation**.

Flyers captain Claude Giroux holds a bowling ball with his likeness and a pin featuring former Flyer Scott Hartnell. CABBIE RICHARDS, TSN

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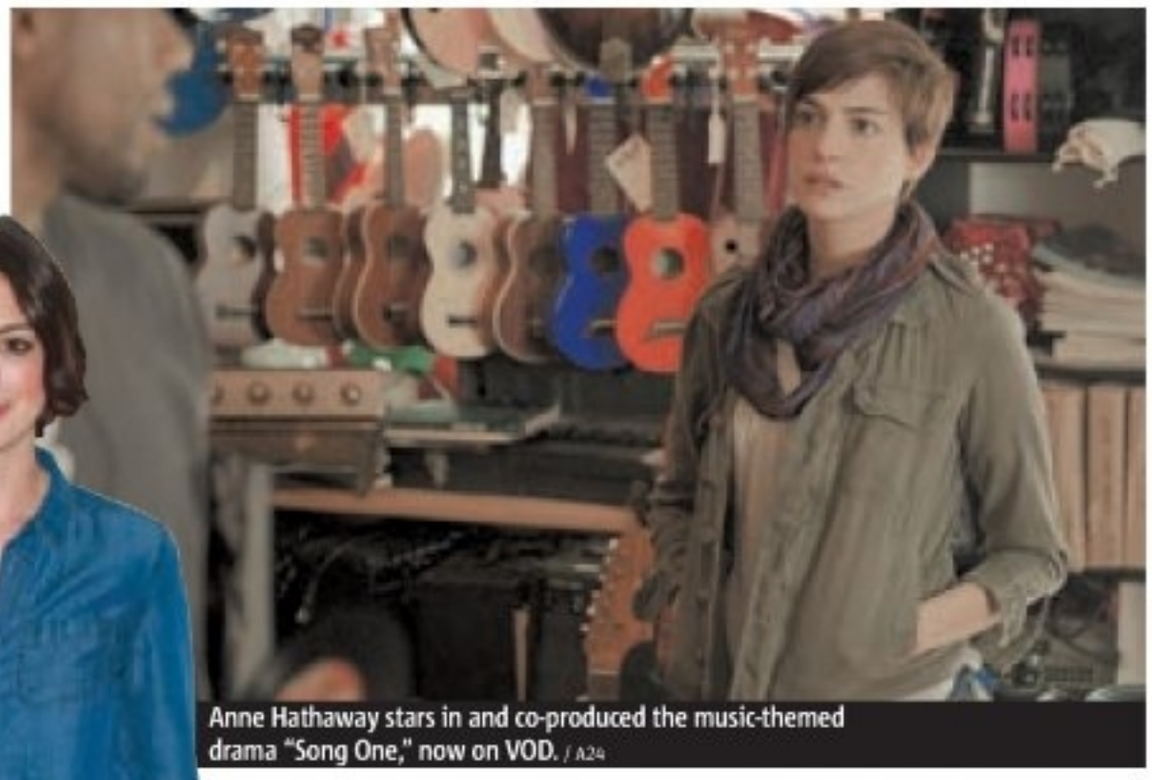
Hathaway has 'something to prove'

Interview. The actress talks producing her first film, "Song One," and her favorite tune.

Anne Hathaway doesn't sing in "Song One," a music-themed drama in which she plays an anthropology student who falls for a soft-spoken troubadour (Johnny Flynn). But the Oscar-winning actress did produce it — her first such job, which she did with her husband, Adam Schulman. Not that working with her spouse proved uncomfortable.

What was it like working so closely with your husband?
It was not difficult at all. He is very natural as a producer. He's very good at supporting everyone without needing the spotlight. He became everyone's ear and rock, or at least mine. Even at the beginning of our relationship, I was always private, because I protect my work. Then I invited him into the process and started sharing everything with him. It was a sort of complete exploration of us as partners.


Anne Hathaway stars in and co-produced the music-themed drama "Song One," now on VOD. / A24

"I ALWAYS ASSUME THAT EACH FILM IS THE LAST AND I'M ASSUMING I HAVE TO GO OUT AND CONVINCE EACH DIRECTOR TO HIRE ME," SAYS ANNE HATHAWAY. WIREIMAGE

What was it about this project that so appealed to you?
I found it to be something universal. For me, the film captures something that sounds very New Age, like the power that music has to cure. It doesn't sound right to say it and that is why it is much better to explore it in film. I like stories about second chances.

This has a lot of singer/songwriter music. What do you listen to?
Jenny Lewis. She has a song called "A Better Son-Daughter," and it never fails to get me out of the deepest moments.

Is there a song you associate with a certain time of your life?
That's a question people have been asking me lately, and I wasn't able to answer until now. The song is "Say Yes" by Elliott Smith. That's the song I built my entire performance on for "Rachel Getting Married." And my heart still stops when I hear it.

The future

What's next for Anne

Despite her Oscar, Hathaway doesn't rest on her laurels. "I have never lost the feeling that I have something to prove," she tells us. "I always assume that each film is the last and I'm assuming I have to go out and convince each director to hire me. I still accept auditions. I have never felt that I made it.

"On the other hand, I'm happy not to be that girl who is terrorized with interviews and always trying to impress without honoring her own personality [anymore], because I had no idea who I really was."

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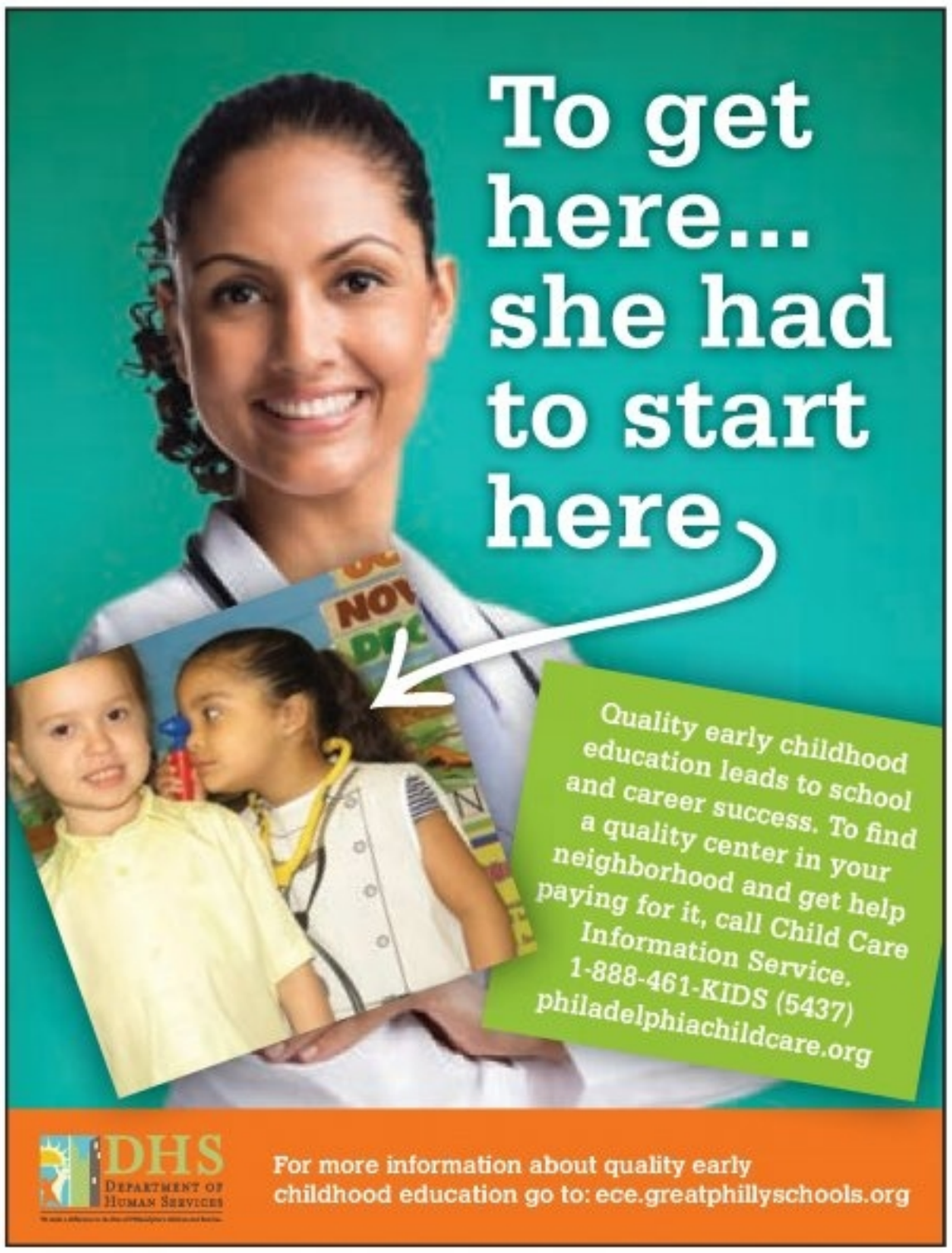
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Drama

'An Unmarried Woman'

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Valentine's Day is for unhappy singles too, who are perhaps hiding indoors from doe-eyed couples. So who's up for a good divorce movie? Actually, Jill Clayburgh's Manhattan trophy wife does rebound after getting chucked by her crappy husband (Michael Murphy) in Paul Mazursky's 1978 hit. But first there's waffling, with our hero grouchily throwing herself into flings and therapy in a brave new world where divorce is no longer gauche. Granted, the deck is too stacked: Murphy is a cad from the start, and suitor Alan Bates is too dreamy.

Jill Clayburgh struggles to move on after her divorce in 1978's "An Unmarried Woman." / PROVIDED

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Romance

'Blue is the Warmest Color'

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Its acrobatic sex scenes tend to get most of the attention, but let's not forget this functions even better as a breakup movie, covering a relationship from first bloom to bitter fallout.

Action

'Kill Bill'

Netflix Instant
Let's not forget: Quentin Tarantino's two-part revenge grinder isn't a mere pastiche of the breadth of action cinema. It's a movie about a broken-up couple (Uma Thurman's "The Bride" and David Carradine's Bill) whose anguish over each other leaves a trail of bodies, blood and severed limbs in its wake. And it all ends with a literally broken heart.

"KILL BILL" PROVIDED

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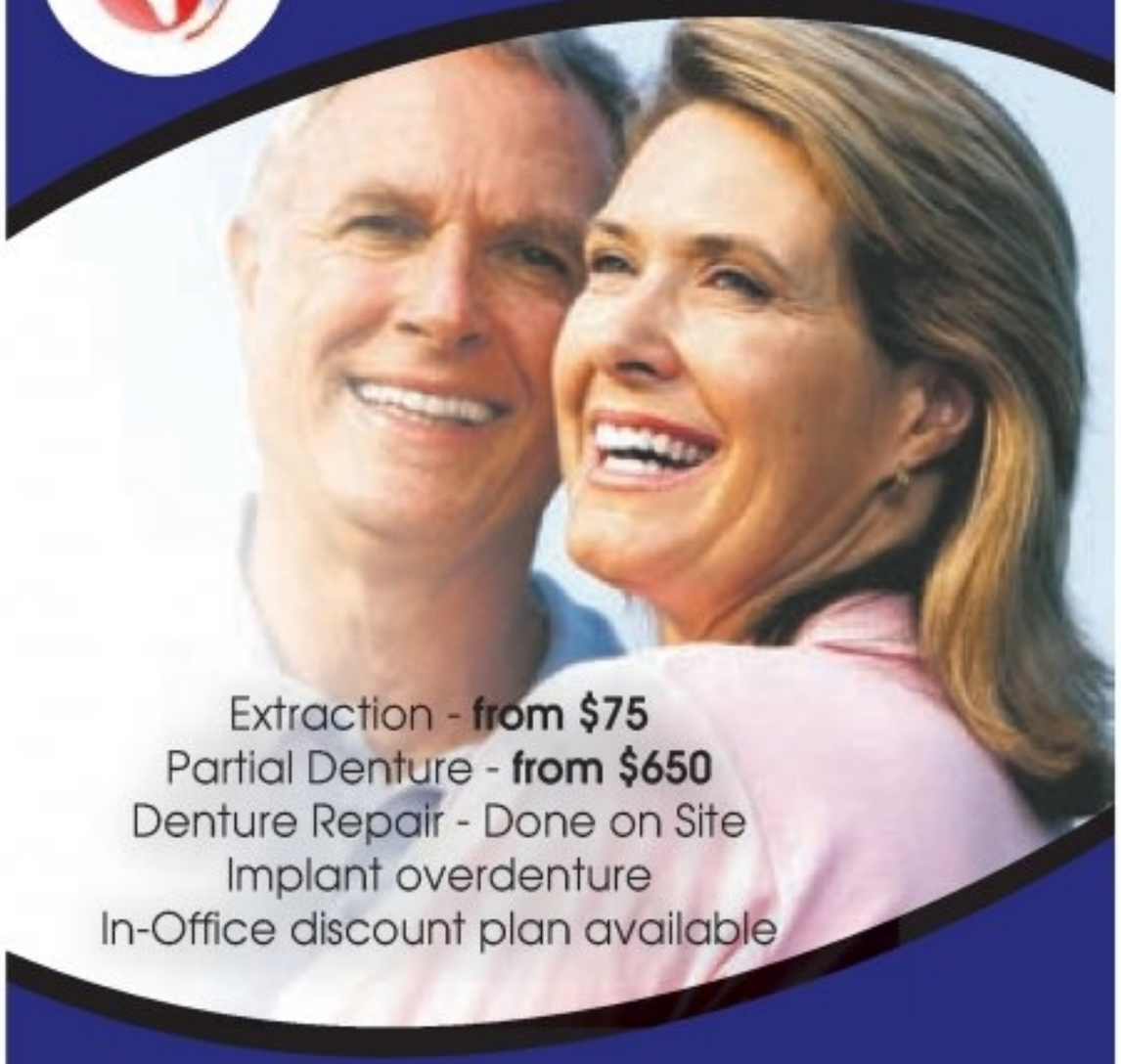

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Sex up your dinner this Valentine's Day

Candlelit. An aphrodisiac expert tells us the best bites for putting you in the mood.

Incorporate natural aphrodisiacs into your romantic dinner plans. / ISTOCK

Kick off your night on the right note by infusing your Valentine's Day meal with natural aphrodisiacs.

"My suggestion is to keep things really simple," says Amy Reiley, author of "Romancing the Stove: The Unabridged Guide to Aphrodisiac Foods." "You want something you can clean up the next morning."

You also want to keep it light — heavy foods are going to make you feel sleepy, not sexy. And when it comes to cocktails, champagne is the preferred drink for putting you in the mood.

"It's been found that blanc de blanc champagnes replicate the scent of the female pheromone," says Reiley. "The interesting thing is that it arouses both sexes."

If you prefer red wine, experts say that earthy Burgundy wines are a good choice for revving up your engine. According to Reiley, scent is the most important component, which is why aromatic red wines are an optimal choice.

Mussels make for a perfect hors d'oeuvre, she says. Adding exotic flavors and a hint of heat will also dial up the sexy level.

"A coconut-based soup is another good one," she says. "Coconut is a great aphrodisiac."

For dinner, go with seafood. Try rolling your own sushi together, which can be a playful, flirty experience on its own. The best part? Fish like salmon and mackerel are thought to kick up the production of sex hormones.

"Sushi is loaded with aphrodisiac ingredients," says Reiley. "It's also a source of lean protein, so you're getting the energy you need, but you're still keeping the meal relatively light at the same time."

For dessert

Fondue

Chocolate is synonymous with V Day, but on its own, it's not much of an aphrodisiac.

"A British scientist did a study that found in order to get all of those aphrodisiac effects that we associate with chocolate — things like mood enhancement, caffeine-like energy and that state of euphoria — the average-sized woman would have to eat over 20 pounds of chocolate to actually get there," says Reiley.

But it is a stimulant, and dark chocolate has antioxidant benefits.

Make a dark chocolate fondue for dessert. / ISTOCK

Reiley suggests preparing a dark chocolate fondue, which allows you to choose aphrodisiac fruits for dipping. Strawberries, bananas and figs all fit the bill.

The other senses

Lavender scents

Aphrodisiac cooking has just as much to do with scent as it does with taste. For men, lavender and pumpkin pie spice are arousing, while women are thought to be turned on by cucumber and licorice.

"The scent of glazed donuts is also arousing," adds Reiley.

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Flowers. Why you should pick up your V-Day bouquet from the cute local florist.

Don't show up with stale roses

Impress your Valentine with a creative bouquet — trust us, women don't always want roses. / PROVIDED

Valentine's Day is here. And while it may be easier to order flowers using mega-companies like 1-800-Flowers, it's time to consider the hipper and more sustainable alternative: buying local.

"I love roses as much as the next woman, but I've realized that most roses sold at Valentine's Day — in fact, 98 percent of them — are out of season, imported and therefore are anything but sustainable," says Debra Prinzing, founder of Slowflowers.com, an online directory helping users find florists — including supermarkets — that stock domestically grown flowers.

Jessica Stewart, of Foxglove Floral Design Studio in Brooklyn, likes to use flowers that thrive in the winter for her arrangements, such as anemones, ranunculus, privets and hellebores.

"We just want to offer people a breath of fresh air and really allow our designs to be unique," she says.

Bess Wyrick, of Celadon and Celery, located in NYC and L.A., says she only uses what she can get from growers in the area, regardless of which part of the country the client is in. The designer also offers remote consultations and sends her design plan to a customer's local florist.

"I'll bring flowers from Los Angeles to New York if I need to — at least it's still grown in the United States," she says.

But at the end of the day, buying stems from your local florist ensures you'll be giving your Valentine something special.

"Your love is not cookie-cutter, and you should be getting something unique for your love instead of something generic," says Stewart.

Unlike roses, ranunculus are in season. / ISTOCK

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That's amore

Gift guide. You might roll your eyes at Valentine's Day but trust us — you want to drop hints for one of these.

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Snuggle up. **Boll & Branch 100 percent organic cotton cable knit throw, $115, BOLLANDBRANCH.COM**

Yes, there is such a thing as **superfood chocolate** — these yummies are packed with antioxidants and nutrients. **$9, ALOHA.COM**

Imagine waking up to this. **Heart Coffee Stencil, $15, SOPHIAVICTORIAJOY.ETSY.COM**

This makeup bag nails your relationship. **Graphic Image pouch, $40, GRAPHICIMAGE.COM**

Now that's a sexy bottle. **Bedell Cellars First Crush red 2013, $25, BEDELLCELLARS.COM**

3 for the guys

Spoil your man this V-day

Jimmy Choo Man, $82, BLOOMINGDALES.COM

Earnest Alexander "I Love You" pocket squares, $98 FOR THE SET

Jack Erwin Hubert Long Wing Blucher, $195, JACKERWIN.COM

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Fashion-forward apps and gadgets

Fashion Month kicks off in New York this week and we have the scoop on the snazziest sartorial apps and gizmos geared for the tech-savvy fashionista. **WANISE MARTINEZ, MWN**

1 ClosetSpace

This new tool promises to show us how to create great outfits with items you already have in your wardrobe, offering suggestions and inspirations based on your apparel, shoes and accessories every day — it even takes into account the day's weather. You can also create a wishlist to bookmark items from product catalogs and community closets.

This month, the company plans to launch a Web version of the platform. **Free, for Android and iOS.**

2 Grabble

Dubbed the "Tinder for fashion," this app lets you browse collections from different brands worldwide, just by swiping on your smartphone screen. You can then purchase the clothes you swiped right for (as with Tinder, right means "yes"). Backed by a team of stylists who share daily e-trends, the tool is useful for those who always want to be inspired. On Grabble, all the desired items can be organized by trend, color, price, brand and garment type. **Free, for iOS**

3 Depop

This gizmo has been branded as a little shop in your pocket, since it allows you to buy and sell stuff between a group of friends, in a fun way. All you have to do is take a picture of those clothes or shoes or anything else you're not planning to wear anymore, and then display them on the app. There's a private chat feature on this social shopping app so you can negotiate the items you'll sell or buy and it accepts payment via PayPal. **Free, for Android and iOS**

4 Pose

A community to share fashion inspiration is what defines Pose, an app that adopts a clean social network interface. Users can enjoy access to pictures from a sizeable group of fashion bloggers, stylists and celebrities. The idea here is to show that "fashion comes in all shapes, sizes and colors, but the insides are all the same." Pose also brings outfit inspirations that'll work according to the day's weather forecast. **Free, for iOS**

5 PS Dept. – Ask the Experts Anything

Can you imagine how cool it would be to get fashion tips from people like Stella McCartney? That's just what this app does, so you can go after the perfect outfit with the right advice. Send a message to the experts through this tool explaining what you're looking for and you'll receive a prompt reply. You can shop for their picks directly from the app. **Free, for iOS**

6 Gold Frends x BaubleBar Layla Headphones

This BaubleBar edition of embellished headphones with interchangeable caps are crafted from real leather and come with a pair of matching earrings for a little added sparkle. **Baublebar, $175**

7 Black Ricky Bag With Light

Technology is often a luxury and this bag is the proof of it. The Ricky Bag by Ralph Lauren boasts an illuminated interior with four discreet LED lights, and can also charge your smartphone while on the go.

The handcrafted calfskin bag was made in Italy. **Ralph Lauren, $5,000**

8 Betty Romantic Smartphone Incase

A standard smartphone can have a shimmering look with this silver-tone metal case. Designed by Swarovski to fit the iPhone 6, the Betty Romantic features a mix of crystal colors and crystal pearls. It also has a crystal heart at the center. **Swarovski, $90**

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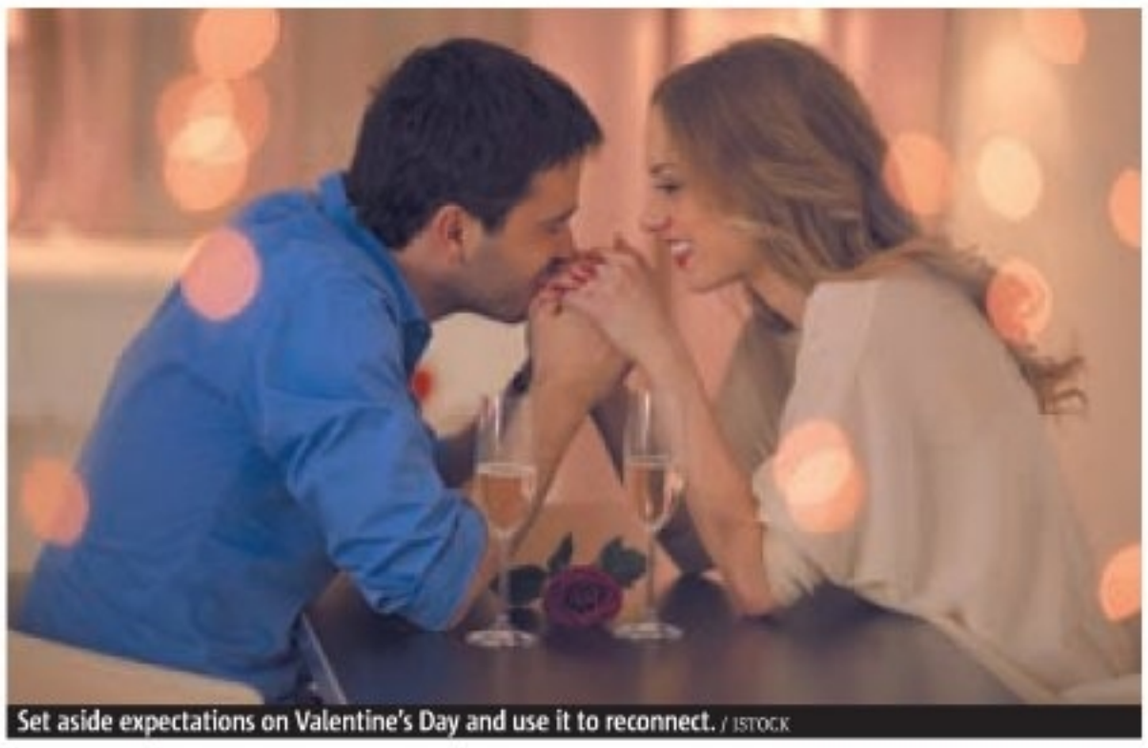
5 Myths to ditch for a happier relationship

Valentine's Day.
Ditch your "girly thoughts" and get real about love.


Set aside expectations on Valentine's Day and use it to reconnect. / ISTOCK

Love can be the many-splendored thing of poetry, but the notion of Valentine's Day is flawed to the point of actually sabotaging relationships.

"It's kind of a massive setup for having our self-worth dashed, because it's become too important and too narrow," says Dr. Patricia O'Gorman.

The price of those expectations is that "if it isn't right, we feel disappointed and unloved," she says. Even following the Valentine's script is no guarantee of success: "I know women who get upset when they get their favorite box of chocolates because, 'Doesn't he appreciate that I've lost 10 pounds and now I'm gonna gain it all back?'"

The clash of reality versus expectations doesn't stop and start with one day. In her new book, "The Girly Thoughts 10-Day Detox Plan," O'Gorman aims to wake women up to their "inner Mean Girls club."

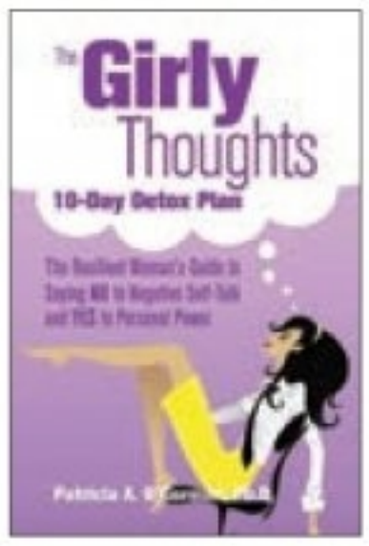
"We, as women, internalize all this negativity around us," O'Gorman says. Those "lessons" – from society, pop culture, families and friends – emphasize where they fall short, even when there is plenty to celebrate: "Images of how we're supposed to act and how we're supposed to look are forever around us."

We asked O'Gorman to debunk some common girly thoughts keeping women from having better, happier relationships.

1 My soulmate is out there. "I'm still not sure what that is, but I'm pretty sure I've never met a couple who are soulmates," says O'Gorman. There are no cosmic, fated shortcuts to love. "It takes a lot of work to be with somebody."

2 He should know what I need. O'Gorman likes to turn this one around on her female clients. "I will ask the woman what she needs, and she's not sure! So that's asking a lot of somebody," O'Gorman notes.

3 I must satisfy him in bed. If your sex life is all about him, what will you eventually default into? "If you fake enough orgasms, you begin to lose interest in sex." If you want to satisfy your partner, you need to know what "does it" for you. Figure out – or let him help you figure out – what that is, and find your way to his pleasure through you.



4 His anger is about me. Feelings remain in the realm of "not quite manly" for guys, which can be frustrating for him and you. Instead of admitting he's anxious, for instance, O'Gorman says a man "might get angry or distant, or he may challenge what you're doing. But that may not be because he doesn't care about you."

5 It should be like the movies. "[Popular culture] has distorted, in some ways, what it is that's realistic that we can get from another human being," says O'Gorman. Not knowing what's real can be disempowering and lead us to simply give up when we hit a bump.

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♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20 Taking charge will help you seal a deal or contract and promote monetary gain. Negotiations will work in your favor if you are bold.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20 Government agencies, corporations or institutions will influence a decision you need to make. Invest in something you believe in that also has potential.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21 Your insights and determination will bring benefit to a joint venture. Give loved ones your attention.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20 Put your best efforts into important tasks. Refuse to concern yourself with what others are doing. Having a backup plan will help you avoid being stranded.

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♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 It's time to get busy on a home-improvement project or chores that you've left unfinished.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Fight for your rights. Don't allow critical remarks to throw you off track. Don't apply pressure tactics in order to try and win a battle.

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Letters to the editor

Toys are symptom of larger disease of misogyny

Re: 'Toys for boys isn't a real travesty' (Feb. 9) One in five women in the United States have been sexually assaulted. Women are severely underrepresented in politics — only 20 women serve on the 100-person Senate.

Women far too often face violent crimes including sex trafficking, rape, and domestic violence. And transgender people face staggering rates of violence, attempted suicide, and poverty. All of these travesties are a part of a larger system of misogyny, a part of biases ingrained in our society that lead to very real and upsetting crimes.

The gender bias in toys is a part of this system, a way that young children are taught to follow the misogynistic and heteronormative norms that permeate our society. Until we pay attention to the messages we're sending children about gender identity and gender roles, we have no hope of seeing gender equality in the United States.

The misogyny right in front of us is real, and we have a responsibility to stop it.

JORDAN RUBENSTEIN, VIA EMAIL

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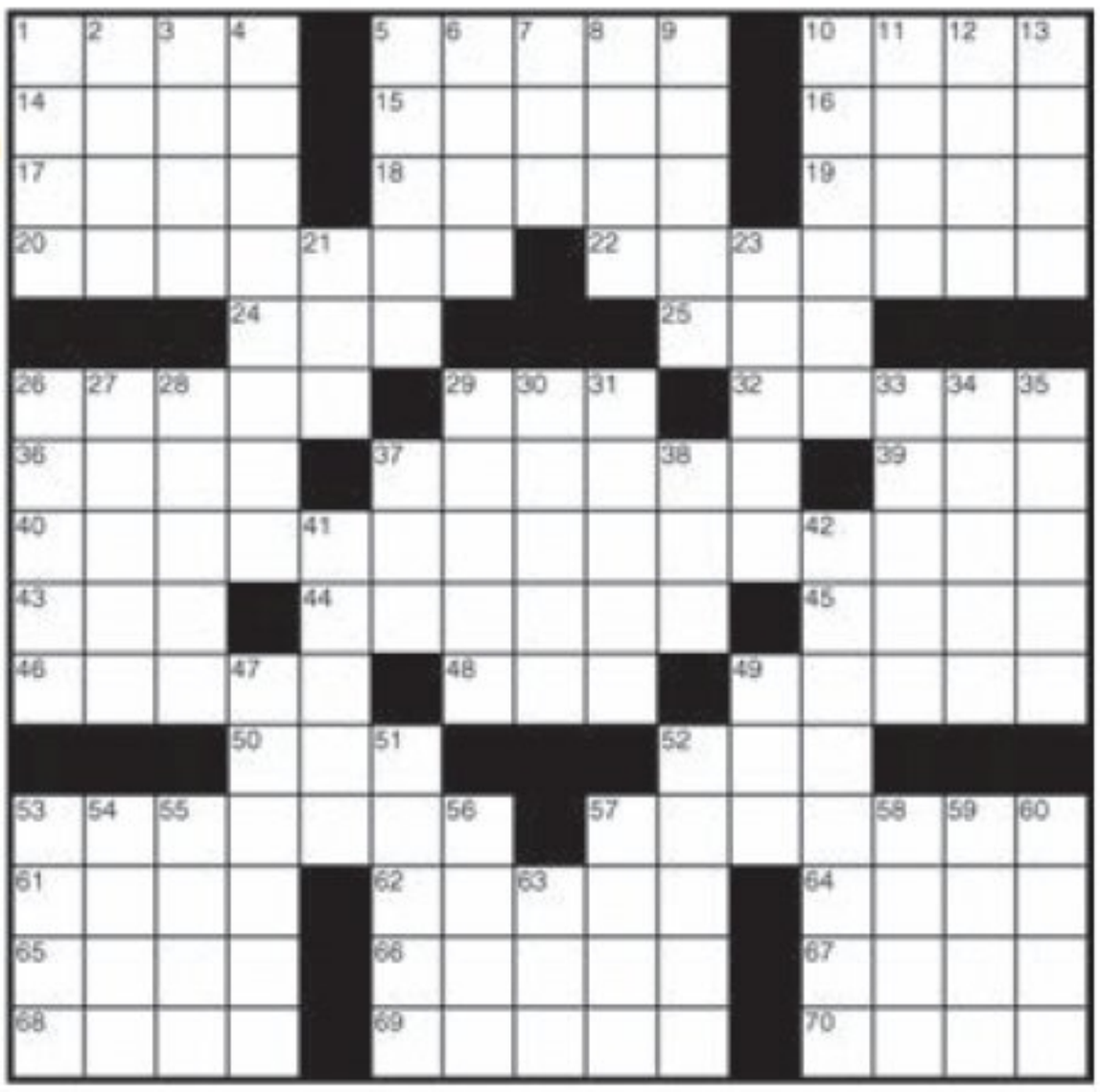

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Mo'ne in the news

Team that beat Taney in trouble?

ESPN has reported that the Chicago team that ousted the Taney Dragons from the Little League World Series is under investigation for using players not located in the right geographical area. Mo'ne Davis fans can see the Philly star in the NBA Celeb Game Saturday.

NBA power rankings | by James Toscano

No. 1

Hawks (43-10)

The Hawks went 24-1 before dropping two of their last four games. The entire starting unit won "Player of the Month" for January which is actually awesome. Parents and coaches, show your kids film of the way this team plays.

No. 2

Warriors (41-9)

The Warriors are outscoring opponents by a staggering 11.2 points per game. That is far and away tops in the NBA (the Hawks win by 4.5).

No. 3

Grizzlies (38-13)

The Grizzlies have the second-best record in the West but just one All-Star? Also, Jeff Green has been a great addition.

No. 4

Blazers (35-17)

It took an infection to stop Blake Griffin, but Damian Lillard is going to the All-Star game. Lillard certainly played well enough to deserve a spot.

No. 5

Raptors (35-17)

Every good team goes through a rough patch in the season, and it appears that is now behind the Raptors. The Raps have gone 8-2 since Dec. 30.

No. 6

Spurs (33-19)

Congratulations to Spurs Coach Gregg Popovich on his 1,000th win. Truly one of the best coaches in the history of sports.

No. 7

Rockets (35-16)

With Dwight Howard on the shelf for the next 6-8 weeks, the Rockets are really going to have to dig deep until he comes back.

No. 8

Mavericks (35-19)

The hits just keep on coming for the Mavs. Already down Rajon Rondo, Tyson Chandler and Monta Ellis left Monday's loss against the Clippers.

No. 9

Cavaliers (32-21)

After LeBron James' return, the Cavaliers are clearly a much better team. That said, there's still some drama.

No. 10

Suns (26-16)

With the injury bug hitting the Mavericks and Clippers, this is a golden chance for the Suns to creep their way up the standings.

No. 11

Wizards (33-20)

The Wizards have dropped seven of their last 11 games. Recent wins over the Nets and Magic aren't making us feel that much better.

No. 12

Clippers (34-19)

Bad news for the Clippers with Blake Griffin missing at least a few weeks after surgery to remove a staph infection in his elbow.

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Iguodala happy in secondary role with Warriors

NBA. Former 76ers All-Star Andre Iguodala says current team "plays really hard."

Andre Iguodala has every reason to be ecstatic.

Through 50 games, the Golden State Warriors have won 41 times. They're a legitimate contender for an NBA championship. Everything seems rosy, right?

Well …

"It's still the same for me," Iguodala said following a hard-fought 89-84 win over the 76ers Monday night in Philly. "I'm still too analytical where I'm looking for something wrong where we can correct. Everybody's goal is the same in this league that's trying to win a championship so I'm doing whatever I can to help the team win. It's not as fun as it should be for me. When that chance happens, that's when I'll be happy."

If the Warriors manage to win a title, Iguodala made a promise.

"I'll smile a lot," he said. "That's the goal and that's what we're trying to get to."

Iguodala's role with the Warriors this season is far different than the first part of his career with the Sixers. He was the ninth overall selection by the Sixers in the 2004 draft and went on to play eight successful seasons, culminating with an All-Star selection in '12 under coach Doug Collins.

But the Sixers never advanced past the Eastern Conference semifinals and Iguodala never quite lived up to the hype of being the next A.I. To be fair, he wasn't Allen Iverson. Not even close.

Iguodala has always been a solid player.

This season, he's in the perfect situation as a role player. Iguodala played nearly 30 minutes off the bench and contributed 13 points, five rebounds, four steals, two assists and relentless defensive pressure.

He doesn't have to be the No. 1 option or the star. The Warriors are loaded with talent such as Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson.

"When you have so much depth, you have guys trying to prove themselves night in and night out," Iguodala said. "One night, it may not be your night but the next night, guys are looking for you and it could be your night."

Quoted

"You've got to give them a lot of credit. They're playing really good basketball and they have such a young group and they're playing so hard."

Andre Iguodala

The victory didn't come easy over the scrappy Sixers. But it was another win in a season chock full of them.

"I think you've got to give those guys a lot of credit," Iguodala said of the Sixers. "They play really hard and that's all you can ask of them. It's a great young group. They're very talented and athletic and the coaches are doing a great job.

Iguodala is playing hard in search of an elusive championship. Until that moment occurs and he's able to lift the trophy for the first time, he won't smile very much.

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Iguodala is still a high-flying wing man, but plays fewer minutes now in Golden State. / GETTY IMAGES

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Most underrated contest dunks

Metro looks back at the good old days from the NBA Slam Dunk Contest's past with the five most underrated slams in the competition's storied history. **EVAN MACY**

The NBA Slam Dunk Contest used to be the highlight of an NBA season, a rite of passage for many of the most dynamic players in the league's history.

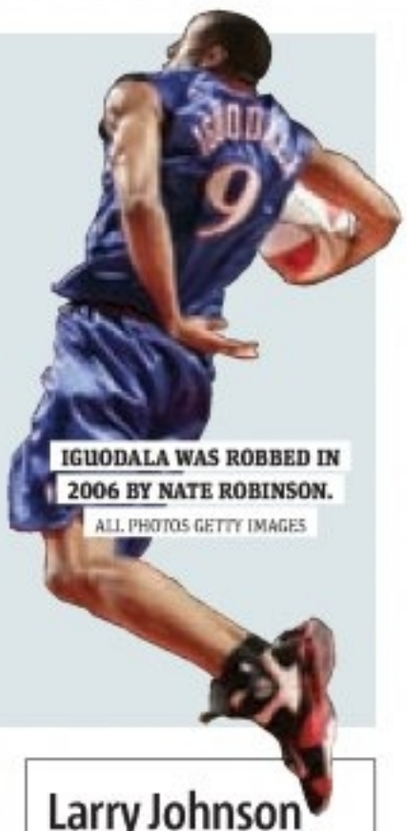
Michael Jordan participated. So did Clyde Drexler, Vince Carter, Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady. And in the ABA, Dr. J and George Gervin put their kicks to the hardwood in the inaugural event in 1976.

This year, the star power will be provided by Minnesota's Zach LaVine, Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo, Orlando's Victor Oladipo and Brooklyn's Mason Plumlee.

So as you unleash a sigh of disappointment over the descent of the event that has been spurned by LeBron James and has become an insult to our slam dunk heritage, take a little encouragement from this year's upcoming event — airing Saturday night on TNT — as the event returns to the "old school" rules and scoring of yesteryear. Also take a look at Metro's most underrated contest dunks of all time:

Andre Iguodala (2006)

The Sixers' star was absolutely robbed in 2006 by the smaller and untiringly persistent Nate Robinson (who needed enough redos to put the crowd to sleep). Igoudala gave himself an alley-oop before passing the ball to himself behind his back en route to a thunderous slam. He would finish an undeserving runner up that contest, his last as a competitor.


IGUODALA WAS ROBBED IN 2006 BY NATE ROBINSON.
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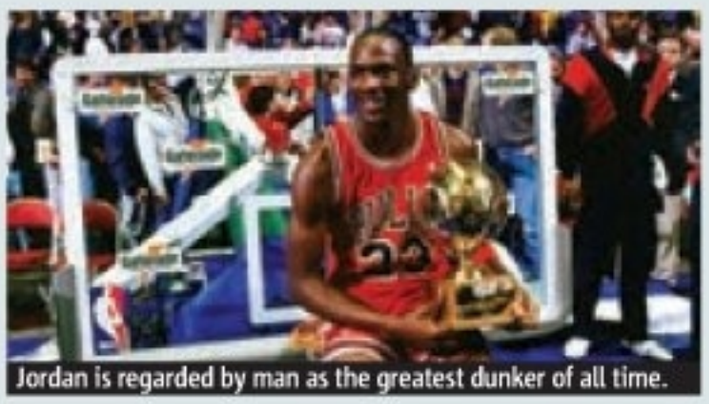
Terrence Stansbury (1987)

This unsung dunk contest hero participated in three straight contests from 1985-1987, never finishing higher than third. He had the unfortunate task of trying to out dunk Michael Jordan, Dominique Wilkins and Spud Webb those All-Star breaks. But his one-handed 360 dunk that saw him glide through the air with ease has been forgotten all-too quickly.


Jordan is regarded by man as the greatest dunker of all time.

Michael Jordan (1987)

Everyone remember's Jordan's seemingly effortless and never-ending flight to the bucket from the free throw line during his first of two back-to-back contest wins in 1987, but many overlook another incredible slam from His Airness that year. Jordan took off from the baseline, floated under the basket while narrowly avoiding a collision with the rim to finish the dunk on the other side of the hoop.

Larry Johnson (1992)

"Grandmama" had one crack at the dunk contest and dominated in 1992 with 98s in the first and second rounds before losing steam to Cedric Ceballos in the final round. His failure to seal the deal makes him overlooked by dunk historians, but his thunderous 180-degree power dunk that saw him bring the ball all the way down to his knees capped an impressive performance.

JOHNSON ONLY COMPETED ONCE BUT HE WAS A POSTERIZING DUNKER HIS ENTIRE CAREER.

Amar'e Stoudemire and Steve Nash (2005)

The soccer-loving Nash set Stoudemire (then a force of nature with the Suns) up with a perfect head butt to set up an authoritative 180 degree high-flying slam in his 2005 runners-up finish to Josh Smith.

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Philly boasts rich mascot tradition

With the unveiling of the 76ers new mascot, Franklin, on Tuesday, the fluffy blue dog becomes the latest in a rich tradition of animal (or otherworldly) rooters for teams in the City of Brotherly Love. Some are deeply entrenched in the college game while some have been voted the best mascots in pro sports. Here's a look at nine of Philly's best real-life cartoons.

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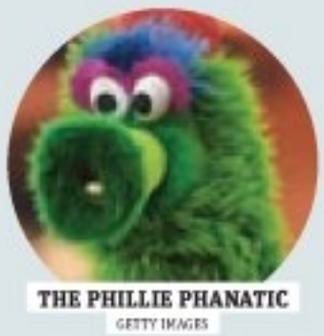
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2 Swoop
The Eagles' mascot is a friendly but fierce bald eagle who sports a Birds jersey and can be seen on the sidelines on Sundays at Lincoln Financial Field.

3 Slapshot
The Flyers are one of three NHL teams without an official mascot, but it wasn't always that way. In 1976, the Flyers debuted Slapshot, a short-lived skating mascot.

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4 The Penn Quaker
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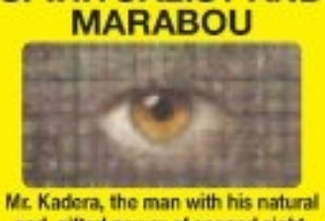

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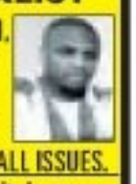

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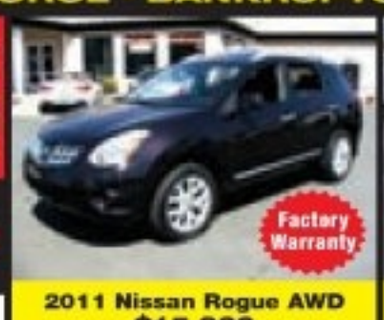

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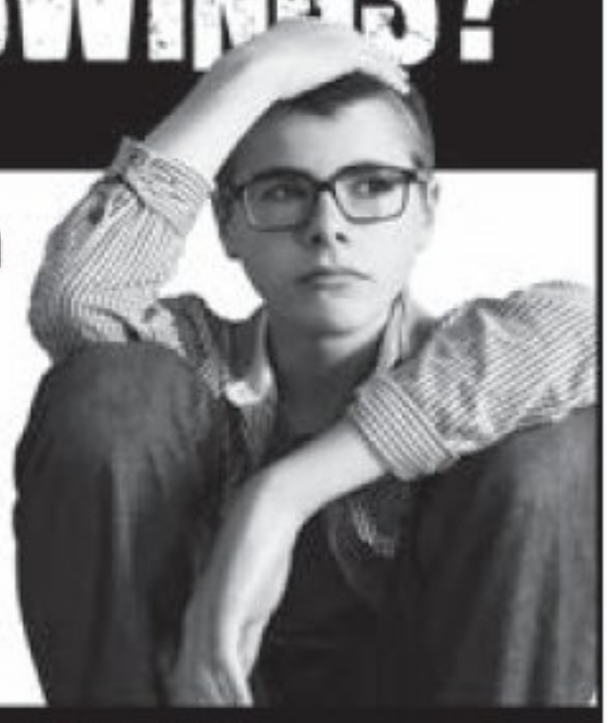

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